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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY April 25, 2019

7:30 p.m.

Wastewater Treatment Facility

Attendees:

John Anderson, Ken Boynton, Carina Hart, Kevin Kearney and Andrew Tedford. Also present: Robert I. Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst; Vincent Purnhagen, Town Attorney; Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Anderson. Chairman Anderson asked to move Item #8 to #3a and to eliminate "the Vernon Water Pollution Treatment Upgrade relative to" from the recommended motion on Item #6.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeffrey Perillo – 67 Rainbow Trail: Mr. Perillo said that his sewer use bill is about \$32 higher and would like an explanation. His water usage is consistent, he does not use a lot of water and feels like he is being penalized for using less water. Mr. Daskal explained how sewer use bills are calculated. Ms. Hart thanked Mr. Perillo for attending the meeting. Mr. Anderson said that Mr. Perillo's concerns will be taken under advisement and the Authority will update him regarding the rate structure.

MINUTES OF THE WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 28, 2019

Mr. Boynton, seconded by Mr. Kearney made a motion that the Water Pollution Control Authority accepts the minutes of the March 28, 2019 Regular Meeting as presented. The motion passed 3-0-2 with Messrs. Anderson and Tedford abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TOLLAND LITIGATION

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Tedford, made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss litigation regarding Town of Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority V Tolland WPCA and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control; Vincent Purnhagen, Vernon Town Attorney, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate to attend Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kearney, made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

DISCUSSION OF ACCOUNT #5215

It was the consensus of the Authority not to have the account proceed to a tax sale. The property owner was unable to attend this meeting, therefore the Authority decided not to make any further decisions until the May 23rd meeting.

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UPDATE ON TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADE

Mr. Grasis reported that three bids were received on April 18th for the construction of the treatment plant upgrade. The bidding contractors are: Methuen Construction, Daniel O'Connell & Sons, and C.H. Nickerson & Company. The bids are currently under review by the Town and Tighe & Bond. A discussion took place about cost estimates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS TREATMENT FACILITY UPGRADE AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON

Ms. Hart, seconded by Mr. Kearny, made a motion that the Vernon Water Pollution Control Authority, pursuant to the authority given in Connecticut General Statutes, Section 1-200 (6) (B) and (D) hereby moves to go in to Executive Session to discuss the Town of Ellington, and invites Robert Grasis, Director, Water Pollution Control; Matthew Daskal, Financial Analyst, Water Pollution Control, and any other persons the Water Pollution Control Authority deems appropriate to attend the Executive Session. The Authority invited Tim Webb, Ellington WPCA to attend the Executive Session. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) and the Authority entered into Executive Session at 8:49 p.m. Mr. Tedford, seconded by Ms. Hart, made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:27 p.m. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0).

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

PLANT SUMMARY

Mr. Grasis reported that flows are up and the plant is running well. Regarding current activities, he said that a meeting with the DEEP regarding the Miscellaneous Pretreatment General Permit Revisions has been rescheduled to April 30th. An additional \$12,000 will be needed for nitrogen credits, because the cost of the credits has increased. The total cost of the credits will be about \$186,000 he said. Other activities include: all three budgets were approved without any changes; a new BOD incubator was purchased for the lab; there are no major equipment issues to report this month; disinfection season will start May 1st; the F450 crane truck body should be delivered to Hartford Truck and ready to be put on the road within the next 4-6 weeks; the road bond project has begun; and letters were sent to Brookview Drive residents regarding excess grease in the sewer. Mr. Anderson requested an update for the next meeting regarding the Fats, Oils and Grease program.

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Mr. Daskal reported that the new billing software was implemented last month and sewer use bills have been mailed. Payments are now being processed through the Revenue Collector's office and approximately 4,800 payments totaling approximately \$1.2 million has been received to date.

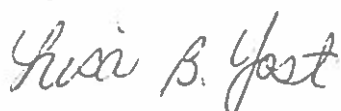
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS:

None.

ADJOURN

Mr. Tedford, seconded by Mr. Boynton made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa B. Yost, Secretary, Water Pollution Control